

# Largest European maintenance conference, EuroMaintenance, comes to the Netherlands!

The largest European maintenance conference will eventually be held in **Rotterdam from 17 to 19 April 2023**. Covid-19 threw a spanner in the earlier plans, but the **Dutch Maintenance Society (NVDO)**, the European Federation of National Maintenance Societies (EFNMS) and Rotterdam Ahoy will combine forces again. At the same time, Rotterdam Ahoy will be hosting the largest technology and maintenance exhibition in the Benelux from 18 to 20 April 2023: Maintenance NEXT. During this period, this powerful combination will make Rotterdam the European meeting place for maintenance professionals in the Asset Management industry.

"EuroMaintenance consists of various components, such as the conference and the workshops. It is obvious that we have chosen the Rotterdam Ahoy Convention Centre, as congress visitors can also visit the Maintenance NEXT exhibition and learn about the innovations and the people behind the innovations. For the exhibitors is it interesting to meet a new, high level international audience," says Ellen den Broeder, NVDO General Manager. The combination of the NVDO, the EFNMS and Rotterdam Ahoy guarantees a high-quality international congress that can finally take place after the pandemic and years of preparation. Den Broeder: "We are really looking

forward to connecting the maintenance world in this way".

## Proud EFNMS Chairman

"EuroMaintenance (EM) is the most important activity of EFNMS, and it is one of the most important conferences in the world in the Maintenance domain. This time, EM is organized by NVDO on 17-19 of April 2023. After that Italy will host this great European event", says Cosmas Vamvalis, EFNMS Chairman. "The quality of the event is excellent in all aspects: First, many top-level speakers from world-wide are going to present the state-of-the-art in Maintenance. Additionally, many very interesting workshops in the topics of Human factor, Safety, Sustainability, Smart industry, and Asset performance management are going to take place. Of course, the top-level EFNMS workshops will be also present. The fact that the event takes place on the renewed convention center of Rotterdam Ahoy is an important guaranteed factor for the success of the event. Not only the 24 national societies members of EFNMS, but everyone in the maintenance domain world-wide is looking forward for this great event in Rotterdam!"

**Unique combination with the Maintenance Next exhibition Before EuroMaintenance comes to Italy, Rotterdam will be the Main-**



**tenance Capital of 2023.** "When we got the opportunity to combine our Maintenance NEXT exhibition with EuroMaintenance, we did not hesitate a moment" says Pieter Bas Dujardin, exhibition manager of Maintenance NEXT. During the exhibition, **more than 250 national and international exhibitors** will present the most important innovations in the field of (industrial) maintenance on the exhibition floor, which is visited by more than 11,000 visitors every two years. Dujardin explains: "To add such a well-known conference with international top speakers to the exhibition is a great opportunity".

## EuroMaintenance is committed to Charity

Gered Gereedschap is a Dutch NGO which has been making a consistent effort for craftsmen and women in developing countries for the last 40 years. Projects supported by **Gered Gereedschap** strengthen technical vocational education and entrepreneurship in Africa. EuroMaintenance

ce supports this fantastic **charity** to give people in the poorest areas of the world the opportunity to train themselves in Technology and Maintenance. EuroMaintenance will take care of the refurbishment of old tools, the purchase of new tools and technical education. That's what EuroMaintenance stands for; helping each other out, not only by sharing knowledge, also by sharing education, money and tools. Their support is practical, tangible and comprehensive. From tool sets and machines for schools, fully equipped sewing workshops to the education of technical vocational teachers. All their support is directed towards one purpose: promoting technical craftsmanship as a basis for self-reliance.



### Training the next generation

Gered Gereedschap has already achieved a lot in her history. They supported 1,650 organizations with tools and created 132,000 fully equipped vocational training places for craftsmen. They will continue to further develop on this success. Besides collecting, refurbishing and sending tools from their 26 workshops in the Netherlands, they do more.

The reason for this is very simple. The organization knows from experience that a **flourishing craft sector in developing countries offers great opportunity to a better life** for large groups of people. Not only tools but often also sufficient skilled people, knowledge and funds are lacking in the areas Gered Gereedschap is actively working. Therefore, they support craftsmanship in broadest sense of the word. In practice, it means that Gered Gereedschap is focusing even more on quality vocational education, available to everyone. They support students after completing their training and encourage entrepreneurship.

### Origin of the tools

The required tools and machines are collected in the Netherlands by

Gered Gereedschap through 400 collection points. These are then refurbished and prepared for a second life by some 500 volunteers in 26 independent workshops of Gered Gereedschap. Every year about 100,000 tools and 1,000 sewing machines find their way to projects in Africa, to support vocational education and entrepreneurship like setting up the tool rental shops.

### Where do you stand on the key topics of Asset Management?

#### Join the EuroMaintenance 2023 market survey

If you were to answer the question 'what is your biggest challenge within maintenance?', your answer probably can be linked to one of the following themes: **Smart Industry, Asset Performance Management, Sustainability, Safety or The Human Factor**. Therefore, these are the pillars for EuroMaintenance 2023. We are anxious to find out where you stand, compared to others, on these key topics of Asset Management.

What is in Europe the status about

Predictive Maintenance? Is this 'the holy grail' every factory will benefit from? And how many companies are really making use of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics? Was this implemented for improving Safety or was this a necessary evil because of the troubling shortages of employees with technical skills? Speaking of which... did your company thought of efficient ways to attract skilled technicians and engineers?

### Where do we stand?

On some grounds we struggle, don't know where to start. On some grounds we are taking first steps to professionalize and we are discovering the benefits. And on some grounds some of us can act as an example to others. What's the status per country, per branch and can we learn from companies who are best in class?

On Our Road to EuroMaintenance, a market survey on the previous mentioned themes will be held. What are the new business requirements for maintenance organizations in Europe regarding technical availability, safety, sustainability, lifetime extension and costs? Which

new working methods are applied to meet these new requirements? This market survey about the Future of Maintenance in Europe will be open for all European companies. The survey will be executed this year and the results will be presented at EuroMaintenance, the largest maintenance congress in Europe, to be held from 17 to 19 April 2023 in the brand new, state-of-the-art, Rotterdam Ahoy Convention Centre in the Netherlands.

### Online market survey

The market survey is executed by Mainnovation in cooperation with the NVDO, the Dutch Maintenance Society, and the EFNMS, the European Federation of National Maintenance Societies. Ellen den Broeder, NVDO General Manager and Project leader EuroMaintenance 2023; "The survey is one of the activities we organize on Our Road to EuroMaintenance. Mainnovation is expert in market research in the field of Maintenance and Asset Management. As a partner of EuroMaintenance, they are in the lead and of course the NVDO will make every effort to enthruse asset owners to participate".

**Maintenance and Asset Managers and Reliability Engineers** will be invited to fill in the online survey. With the added information about the branch they operate in, the size of the maintenance organization and in which country they work, results can then be compared with other companies or other branches. And it will also be interesting to find out which country is ahead when it comes to IoT, Smart Industry or Sustainability? Den Broeder; "Goal is to be able to compare results amongst the different countries and within different branches. Which industries and countries are leading the step forward? This is valuable information for every maintenance society and of course for the participating companies. Where do you stand, on a European scale, on the most important topics of Asset Manage-



ment and what trends and developments do you see?"

### Learn from best practices

**The analysed results of the market survey will be presented at EuroMaintenance.** Besides numbers, figures and comparisons the best practices will be shared. "The best-in-class companies who are really ahead and can be considered as an example to others, will be identified. Which best practices are they applying?", Mark Haarman, Managing Partner from Mainnovation explains; "EuroMaintenance is all about Asset Management at its Best. Business leaders will share their vision on developments and the future of the industry and best practices will be showcased. What can we learn from best-in-class companies and how does the maintenance organization of the future look like? Based on these best practices, companies gain new knowledge or inspiration to improve their own maintenance and Asset Management department".

### Participate

This online EuroMaintenance 2023 market survey about the Future of

Maintenance in Europe is open for participation from July 2022. Filling in the survey will take no more than twenty minutes. The survey can be approached via the websites [euromaintenance.net](http://euromaintenance.net) and [nvdo.nl](http://nvdo.nl) and you will most likely get an invitation for participation via your national maintenance organization.

When all results are gathered and analysed, a Vision Document EuroMaintenance will be presented at the conference. All participants will receive this rapport as well as an individual benchmark analysis about their branch. This way you can compare your results with others and you can map out where your improvement potential lies. Let's hope we can speak of benchmarking when EuroMaintenance take place in Italy in 2024. Den Broeder; "I will be very honoured by sharing all our results with A.I.M.A.N next year and we will be glad to welcome our Italian colleagues in Rotterdam in April 2023. Only together we can make EuroMaintenance to an unprecedented great success". □

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